Unemployed in urban areas

1351. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths who remain unemployed in the urban areas, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps for the redressal of unemployment and poverty alleviation in urban areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the amount spent in this regard and the achievements made so far;

(d) whether prevalence of unemployment and poverty leads to unrest among the millions of urban youth; and

(e) if so, the details tehreof and the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Planning commission has reported that as per 55th quinquennial round of NSSO, number of unemployed on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis in urban areas has been estimated at 7.11 million in 1999-2000. The unemployment rates in urban areas and those amongst youth in urban areas in 1999-2000 are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) to (e) With a view to ameliorate the conditions of ruban poor, and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, including in the North Eastern Region including Sikkim w.e.f. 1.12.1997. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban employed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of Wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

Since inception of the scheme in 1997-98 and as reported upto 30.11.2005, Rs. 907.50 crore have been released as Centre share for the SJSRY scheme. Cumulatively physical achievement is as under:—

Total number of persons assisted to set up Micro enterprises.	—	7,78,296
Total number of persons provided skill training	—	7,76,890
No. of mandays of work generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme	—	5,46.07 lakhs

Statement

Currently Daily Status Unemployment Rates in Urban Areas for Selected States (1999-2000)

States	Age 15-29 Years	All age
Andhra Pradesh	14.8	7.6
Assam	26.6	11.9
Bihar	24.4	9.3
Gujarat	8.5	4.2
Haryana	8.3	4.5
Himachal Pradesh	20.5	7.8
Karnataka	10.5	5.4
Kerala	34.3	19.1
Madhya Pradesh	14.6	7.0
Maharashtra	16.5	8.1
Orissa	25.5	9.5
Punjab	9.5	4.9
Rajasthan	8.8	4.5
Tamil Nadu	15.6	8.9
Uttar Pradesh	12.5	6.2
West Bengal	24.0	10.6
All India	15.4	7.7